

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-20 have been cancelled. Claims 10, 21, 22, and 23 are in the application.

The applicant has cancelled all claims but those having the indicated allowable subject matter which was in claims 10, and 23.

Claim 10 has been amended so that it is now in independent form. "light emitting diode" which previously therein has been changed simply to "light". Claim 21, depending from claim 10 specifies that the "light" is a "light emitting diode. Claim 22, depending from claim 10 specifies that the "light" is a "laser light".

Claim 23 has been amended to "An improved tape measure for making a[n internal] measurement [from a member] of the type having, a tape coiled in a housing having a tape hook external to the housing on an unattached end portion of the tape, and measurement lines and numerals on a concave side portion of the tape which increment from the hook and which can be read when the hook is pulled from the housing, wherein the improvement comprises:

a [light emitting diode] light positioned to illuminate a measured length on the tape and wherein the tape comprises a set of numerals for outside measurement of one color and a set of numerals for inside measurement of a different color and wherein [the numerals for

inside measurement significantly contrast with] a color of the light [emitting diode] contrasts with a color of one of the sets of numerals so that [the] those numerals [for inside measurement] will significantly stand out from the other set of numerals [for outside measurement] when the light [emitting diode] is switched on.

As amended claim 23 specifies that one set of numerals contrasts in color to the color of the light. It doesn't specify which set of numerals - either the inside or the outside set - which differs in color from the light.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 23, as well as claims 10, 21, and 22, are now in form for allowance. The applicant has conceded to all issues raised by the Examiner.

As this response is timely submitted no late fee is enclosed.



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